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1. THE LANGUAGE IN PARA 18 OF DRAFT REPORT ON NATO FORCE
PLAN 1975-1979 SHOULD BE WORDED AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE OF
PARTICULAR NOTE IS THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO
INCREASE GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY IN EUROPE BY AT LEAST
THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO BRIGADES AS WELL AS OTHER COMBAT
ELEMENTS DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THIS IS TO BE
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ACCOMPLISHED BY THE CONVERSION OF SUPPORT MANNING TO

COMBAT MANNING WHICH IS AN EXAMPLE OF RATIONALIZATION OF THE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS END QUOTE. WE DO NOT WISH TO GO ANY FURTHER THAN THIS WORDING AT THE MOMENT PENDING GOVERNING DECISIONS ON EXACTLY HOW THE SUPPORT TO COMBAT CONVERSION REQUIRED BY THE NUNN AMENDMENT IS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

2. REMAINDER OF THE REPORT IS ACCEPTABLE WITH INCLUSION OF FOOTNOTE IN ANNEX AS SUGGESTED BY MISSION (LAST PARAGRAPH OF REFTEL).

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